



Pacific Islands Critical Habitat Update

Aloha!

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Pacific Islands Critical Habitat Update. On February 27, 2003, the final critical habitat designation for plants on Kauai and Niihau was published in the *Federal Register*. You can find a complete list of all published final rules under Published Final Rules of this newsletter.

If you would like to receive this newsletter through email, please send a request to joy_hiromasa@r1.fws.gov. Please help us reduce the amount of paper consumed by this newsletter.

If you have any questions or suggestions on the attached material, or you would like more information, please feel free to contact us at:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office
300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. 3-122
Honolulu, HI 96850

Phone: (808) 541-3441
Fax: (808) 541-3470

Mahalo for your continued interest in Pacific islands critical habitat!

Paul Henson, Ph.D.
Field Supervisor



'Olulu, or *Brighamia insignis* is found only on Kauai and Niihau.

Photo Courtesy of Greg Koob, USFWS

MEETINGS

Since all comment periods have ended, our staff has been meeting with the public to provide information regarding critical habitat. Some of the recent meetings are listed below.

RECENT MEETINGS

Topics and Participants	Date	Location
Kauai Cave Invertebrates; Koloa Community Neighborhood Association	January 16, 2003	Koloa Community Center
General Critical Habitat; The Garden Club of Honolulu	February, 12, 2003	The Garden Club of Honolulu

UPCOMING MEETINGS

There are no meetings scheduled because the public comment periods on all of the plant, invertebrate, and vertebrate proposals have closed.

PUBLISHED FINAL RULES

Final rules designating critical habitat have been published in the *Federal Register* for the following species and can be found on the web at: pacificislands.fws.gov under critical habitat updates.

RULE	DATE PUBLISHED	FEDERAL REGISTER VOL.
Oahu elepaio	December 10, 2001	66 FR 63751
Newcomb's snail	August 20, 2002	67 FR 8849
Lanai Plants	January 9, 2003	68 FR 1220
Kauai and Niihau Plants	February 27, 2003	68 FR 9116

STATUS OF FINAL RULES AND CURRENT COURT-ORDERED DEADLINES

RULE	FINAL RULE TO BE SUBMITTED TO <i>FEDERAL REGISTER</i>
Molokai Plants	Feb. 28, 2003
Kauai Cave Invertebrates	March 30, 2003
Maui/Kahoolawe Plants	April 18, 2003
NW Hawaiian Islands Plants	April 30, 2003
Oahu Plants	April 30, 2003
Guam and Rota Vertebrates	May 23, 2003
Big Island Plants	May 30, 2003
Blackburn's Sphinx Moth	May 30, 2003